# Exhibit 15

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From: Daniel Boyle <DBoyle@BSFLLP.com>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 3:49 PM

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**Cc:** Matthew L. Schwartz; Craig Wenner; Peter Skinner; jonathan.cogan@kobrekim.com;

John Kenney; John Curley

**Subject:** RE: City of Almaty, et al v. Mukhtar Ablyazov, et al, (15-cv-5345 (AJN))

#### Alex-

In addition to the current topics, the Kazakh Entities intend to discuss whether Triadou will consent to the attachment its interest in, and the assets of, its subsidiaries Syracuse Center LLC and Argon Holdings Corp pursuant to Judge Nathan's attachment order. [ECF No. 175].

#### -Dan Boyle

From: Daniel Boyle

Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 6:37 PM

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Alex:

We suggest 2pm on Monday. We can use BSF's dial-in:

Dial-in: 888-453-4405 Passcode: 702519

#### -Dan Boyle

From: Hassid, Alex [mailto:AHassid@blankrome.com]

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### Counsel,

Apologies for the delay. We are available Monday afternoon for a meet-and-confer before 5:00 PM. Please let us know when you are available, and please circulate dial-in information. Thank you.

Best, Alex

Alex Hassid Blank Rome LLP (202) 420-3413 From: Hassid, Alex

Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 2:10 PM

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### Counsel,

Notwithstanding your mischaracterization of Triadou's response, Judge Parker's statements at the hearing did not include any finding because, as she acknowledged, the question of SDG's obligations was not before her. Rather, she raised issues for the parties to discuss. To this point, however, the parties have never discussed the question of what is in "SDG's possession, custody, or control" in a meet-and-confer (or elsewhere). We therefore disagree that your meet-and-confer obligations have been satisfied.

Unfortunately, our team is scattered today, but we will get back to you this evening or early tomorrow with a proposed date & time for a meet-and-confer.

Best, Alex

Alex Hassid Blank Rome LLP (202) 420-3413

From: Daniel Boyle [mailto:DBoyle@BSFLLP.com]

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# Counsel:

It appears from your response that you do not intend to produce documents within SDG's possession, custody, or control, notwithstanding the Court's guidance at the July 13, 2017 conference (I've attached the transcript of that hearing and pasted the Court's guidance on this question below).

Judge Parker has already found that SDG and Triadou are alter egos for the purposes of depositions [ECF No. 330, 16-17], and on July 13<sup>th</sup>, stated that "at least for discovery purposes it seems to me that there's no reasonable basis for a distinction" between document requests and depositions on this question.

Considering the Court's guidance, if your position remains that you will not produce SDG's documents, we intend to move to compel. We believe our meet-and-confer obligations have been satisfied by the argument on this issue before Judge Parker on July 13th, but if you wish to meet and confer on this issue further, please propose a time and date.

Regards,

Dan Boyle

(48:10-21) THE COURT: And my inclination is that I don't know that I would find differently, just from a document request, as opposed to a deposition. There's an open allegation regarding the alter ego. And at least for discovery purposes it seems to me that there's no reasonable basis for a distinction. I don't know if that issue is before me right now. So if you believe that there's some basis for the distinction, you can let me know, and I'm happy to take a look at that.

Since this was just raised today, I'm not going to preclude you from making that argument. But I'm sort of [letting] you know I'm not sure there's a distinction.

. . .

subject to the discovery one way or another, what's the difference anyway? I understand there's the Hague process, that's a little more cumbersome, but that doesn't necessarily mean that discovery won't be attained.

So my thought is that the parties should be practical. And rather than delay discovery, if discovery is inevitable, and it's going to occur, think about whether there's a way to collaborate. And maybe that's impossible in this case because of your position of your relationship with STG, but that's something that I'd like you both to consider.

(50:13-24) [THE COURT] But the other point is, if SDG is going to be

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From: Michaelson, Robyn [mailto:RMichaelson@blankrome.com]

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Counsel,

Please find attached Triadou's objections and responses to Almaty/BTA's 3rd request for the production of documents. Although you directed these requests to SDG Capital S.A. as well, SDG is not a party here and is not subject to Rule 34 requests absent proper third-party process. Accordingly, SDG has no obligation to respond or object at this time, and the fact that it has not done so should not be construed as a waiver of its rights to do so in the future.

Thanks, Robyn

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